



WHAT NOW?



In the aftermath of October's devastating wildfires, your public agencies are dedicated to ensuring your safety, and to helping victims restore their homes, property, security, peace of mind, and quality of life. The information provided is offered to make you aware of various government and community resources that can help during this difficult time.

MY HOUSE BURNED

- For instructions on how to properly and safely clean up visit the following websites:
 - ? http://www.co.san-diego.ca.us/enterprise_portal/announcements/san_diego_county_fires.htm
 - ? <http://ucanr.org/internal/internalstories/afterdisaster.shtml>
 - ? <http://www.sannet.gov/newsflash/firealert.shtml>
- Information on home status, damage assessment, or fire questions
 - ? **County Fire Damage Hotline** 866-402-6044 or 858-495-5494
 - ? **City of Poway, CARE Team** (858) 679-4347
- **Crisis counseling** 800-479-3339
- **California Department of Insurance** 800-927-HELP
- **Red Cross, San Diego Fire Relief** 866-438-4636

Fire Facts: Public and Private Lands

(Acreages provided by California Dept. of Forestry)

Cedar Fire: burned 280,293 acres

(60% public lands, 40% private lands)

Paradise Fire: burned 56,700 acres

(44% public lands, 56% private lands)

Otay Fire: burned 46,291 acres

(64% public lands, 36% private lands)

MY LAND BURNED

- Preventative measures:
 - ✓ Check for **hazards** such as partially burned trees and power lines, ash pits, etc.
 - ✓ Prepare an evacuation plan in the event of severe storms
 - ✓ Determine risk of erosion, landslides, or floods
- **Erosion control** guidelines
 - ✓ Information resources:
 - Control devices (<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/docs/fire/homeerosion.pdf>)
 - Homeowner's Guide for Flood, Debris, and Erosion Control After Fires (<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/docs/fire/AfterFire.pdf>)
 - Environmentally sensitive erosion control (<http://www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/pdf/erosion.pdf>)
 - ✓ Clear debris from streambeds
 - ✓ Stay off burned areas as much as possible and do not make new trails (this will prevent erosion and growth of flammable weeds)
 - ✓ Allow seeds already in the soil to sprout on their own. If seeding is necessary on previously disturbed land, see the guidelines for effective methods at <http://www.baerteam.net/press/1113.shtml>
- **Burned Area Emergency Response team** (<http://www.baerteam.net>)
- **County Fire Damage Hotline** 866-402-6044 or 858-495-5494
- **San Diego Regional Stormwater Hotline** 888-846-0800
- **Flood insurance (FEMA)** 800-638-6620

This guide is also available online (with web links) at www.msdp-sandiego.org

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Multiple Species Conservation Program

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MY LAND DID NOT BURN, BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT FIRE SAFETY

HOW CAN I MAKE MY LAND FIRE-SAFE?

Prioritize fire safety measures:

1. Personal safety

- ✓ Make an escape plan, assemble an emergency kit, check smoke alarms & fire extinguishers, etc. (<http://www.sandiego.gov/fireandems/safety/index.shtml>)

2. House

- ✓ Replace flammable materials with fire-safe materials
- ✓ Minimize flammable vegetation bordering your houses (especially pine, juniper, & eucalyptus)

3. Yard

- ✓ Keep flammable materials and structures away from house (wood piles, sheds, gas and paint cans, etc.)
- ✓ Landscape with fire-safe plants
 - http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/cnty/cntydepts/landuse/fire_resistant.html
 - **City of San Diego, Landscape Department** 619-446-5317

4. Your land beyond landscaping

- ✓ See fire clearing guidelines:
 - **County** - http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/cnty/cntydepts/landuse/fire_resistant.html
 - **City of San Diego** - <http://www.sannet.gov/fireandems/inspections/brush.shtml>
For copies of Ordinances see City Clerk website - <http://www.sannet.gov/city-clerk/>
 - **City of Poway** - http://www.firesafe.com/pages/poway_04.html

5. Surrounding lands (not owned by you)

- ✓ City and County governments are working to control erosion on public lands
- ✓ Permits may be required for some types of clearing beyond established standards.
To ask about environmental regulations call:
 - **California Department of Fish & Game** 858-467-4201
 - **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** 760-431-9440
- ✓ For concerns about private or public lands contact your local government:
 - **County of San Diego, Zoning counter** 858-565-5981 or 888-267-8770
 - **City of San Diego** 619-525-8607 (Right of Entry Permit required in City Open Space)
 - **City of Poway, Code Compliance/Weed Abatement** 858-679-4299

Fire Facts: Fire Management and Conservation

- Fire management plans are being developed for several natural preserve areas.
- Legal fire clearing & fire suppression are **not prohibited or restricted** on lands that are part of the Multiple Species Conservation Program (*San Diego, and Poway, Alpine, Lakeside, Jamul, and parts of Ramona*). Contact your local jurisdiction for requirements.
- Please keep wildlife wild. Allow them to recover on their own so they don't become dependent on people. For more information visit <http://www.nwf.org/news/story.cfm?pagelD=D0D6FB50-D3E7-BE63-C063E930426DD742>.